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1. On 13 December 1950 there was seen an armored car fitted with railway car wheels at Fingshek,* Kwangtung and a similar car was seen near Hangchow.
2. At Iru (120-03, 29-18) on the same day were seen in a train headed south ten enclosed freight cars carrying Soviet troops in Chinese Communist Army uniforms. This train also had eight flat cars with partially dismantled single-engine aircraft. No Chinese Communist troops were seen in the area.
3. By 25 January the campaign of anti-American propaganda and the campaign to get volunteers for Korea were in full swing in Shanghai. Some persons who signed pledges to aid the war effort of the Chinese in Korea find that their signatures obligate them to volunteer for active service. Several doctors have been pressed into war service.
4. At this time some Shanghai businessmen believed that the events in Korea indicated that between them the Chinese and Soviets could defeat United Nations forces in Korea; so that unless the United States were to attack the mainland promptly such an attack would not succeed. These men believe that should a general war start the American Communists, a strong group, would create havoc in the United States. Shanghai businessmen do not believe that Shanghai would be bombed in a general war.
5. In January the Hungjiao Road area west of Shanghai was cordoned off at the Blind School and McLeod Road, and Soviet technicians were said to be living beyond this point. Soviets are also at Tasang near the Cantonese Cemetery.** Fifteen to twenty Soviet jet planes remain in the Shanghai area; flights of this many planes can best be seen between nine and eleven on Sunday mornings from the Sikingjao Golf Course.*** Jets are seldom seen on weekdays.
6. There is a military staff college at Nanking, serving the East China and Central and South China areas.
7. In a move to lessen guerrilla activity in the East China area, the authorities are assigning land to guerrillas.

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8. At a Kwangtung-Hunan border railway station on 27 January was seen a train of forty cars going north. A passenger on the train stated that there were 4,500 troops, elements of the 51 and 52 Divisions**** of the 4 Field Army, 100 Chinese Communist Party workers, and 500 other passengers, booked by the China Travel Service, all going to Shanghai.
9. Beginning on 28 January passengers leaving China for Hong Kong are closely examined by the Communists at the border. Steamers from Canton to Hong Kong as of that date began to refuse passage to individuals who were not provided with entry permits for Hong Kong, as steamship companies are required to accommodate passengers whose entry is refused without charge if they elect to return to Canton.

* [] Comment. Pinshok may be Pongshih (112-58, 25-19). See paragraph 8 of text.

** [] Comment. Although the best known Cantonese Cemetery is on the northern fringe of the city and the airfield is well out in the country, source probably means Tach'ang Airfield, north of Shanghai.

*** [] Comment. Sikingjao Golf Course is in the Kiangwan area, near Kiangwan Airfield, north of Shanghai and east of Tach'ang Airfield.

**** []. Since the 51 and 52 Divisions are known to be a part of the 2 Field Army and the 51 and 52 Armies are part of the 4 Field Army, Divisions have probably been reported in error for Armies.

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